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SUBJECT: TENG'S RETURN NOT URGENT SAYS FEI I-MIN

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1. IN HIS FIRST ACCEPTANCE OF A LUNCHEON MEETING AT THE  
CONSUL GENERAL'S RESIDENCE, TA KUNG PAO PUBLISHER FEI I-MIN  
TOLD CONGEN OFFICERS FEBRUARY 8 THAT TENG HSIAO-PING'S RETURN WAS  
ASSURED SINCE HE HAD ALREADY BEEN ACQUITTED OF THE MORE SERIOUS  
CHARGES AGAINST HIM (REFTEL) BUT THAT THERE WAS NO URGENCY  
FOR TENG TO RETURN NOW. FEI NOTED THAT TENG IS LIVING COM-  
FORTABLY AT HOME IN PEKING AND "ADVISING" HIS ASSOCIATES IN  
THE LEADERSHIP, ADDING THAT CHOU'S LINE", WHICH IS THE SAME  
AS THE ONE TENG PUSHED IS BEING FULLY IMPLEMENTED. FEI  
FURTHER ARGUED THAT TENG'S IMMEDIATE REHABILITATION WOULD  
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RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT CHAIRMAN MAO'S PERSONAL SUPPORT FOR  
THE DISMISSAL OF TENG. FEI STATED THAT IT ALSO COULD BE A  
PROBLEM FOR TENG'S PERSONAL SAFETY SINCE NO ONE COULD RULE OUT  
THE ACTIONS OF A "BAD ELEMENT" WHO MIGHT TRY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE  
OF TENG'S APPEARANCE IN PUBLIC TO DO HIM HARM. THUS, FEI  
CONCLUDED, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO WAIT FOR THE COMPLETION OF  
THE "VERDICT" AGAINST THE "GANG OF FOUR", BEFORE BRINGING TENG

BACK.

2. FEI IMPLIED THAT TENG MAINTAINED GOOD RELATIONS WITH "THE THREE MEN WHO ARE RUNNING CHINA", HUA KUO-FENG, YEH CHIEN-YING AND LI HSIEN-NIEN AND THAT THEIR ABILITIES IN THE RESPECTIVE FIELDS OF PARTY AFFAIRS (HUA), MILITARY AND DEFENSE MATTERS (YEH), AND ECONOMICS, FINANCE, AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS (LI) GAVE CHINA AN EXCEPTIONALLY ABLE LEADERSHIP TEAM. REFERRING TO THEM ON ANOTHER OCCASION AS A "TRIUMVIRATE", FEI INDICATED THAT IT WAS A REAL POWER-SHARING RELATIONSHIP AS REVEALED BY NPC VICE CHAIRMAN TENG YING-CHAO'S GREETINGS FROM THE THREE TO BURMESE PRESIDENT NE WIN (NCNA FEB. 7).

3. FEI ALSO STATED THAT THESE THREE MEN WERE CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING THE STATE OF CHINA'S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS THROUGH A SERIES OF NATIONAL-LEVEL MEETINGS--LEARNING FROM TACHAI, PETROLEUM WORKERS, COAL MINES, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCES, LEARNING FROM TACHING, ETC.--WHICH WOULD ENABLE THEM TO SET DOWN PRIORITIES AND MAKE RESOURCE ALLOCATIONS. FEI STRESSED THAT THIS PROCESS WAS TAKING PLACE IRRESPECTIVE OF THE CONTINUING INVESTIGATION OF THE INFLUENCE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE "GANG OF FOUR" AND THAT THERE WAS A NEED TO PUT CHINA'S ECONOMIC HOUSE IN ORDER AFTER THE INTERFERENCE OF THE "GANG." SPECIFICALLY, FEI STATED THAT THE PAST YEAR WAS A "LOSS" FOR THE FIVE-YEAR-PLAN AND THAT EVERYTHING WAS BEING CONSIDERED AS "STARTING FROM NOW." IN THIS CONTEXT, FEI SAID THAT IT WOULD BE LOGICAL IN HIS ESTIMATION TO WIND UP THE PROCESS WITH A PARTY PLENUM AND AN NPC SESSION WHICH HE PERSONALLY OPINED WOULD BE POSSIBLE BY NATIONAL DAY IN OCTOBER. FEI COMMENTED  
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IN THIS REGARD THAT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THESE BODIES HAD TO BE SERIOUSLY ADJUSTED AND THAT "INFORMALLY" HE HAD BEEN TOLD AROUND THIRTY PER CENT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE NPC MEMBERSHIP HAD TO BE DROPPED BECAUSE OF "GANG" CONNECTIONS.

4. ON OTHER MATTERS, FEI MENTIONED THAT "ACCELERATION" OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS--ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF FOREIGN TRADE--WERE STILL MAJOR CONCERNS FOR CHINA AND THAT TENG YING-CHAO'S TRIP TO BURMA WAS AN IMPORTANT ONE. FEI FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT MADAME TENG'S TRIP MIGHT BE REPEATED TO OTHER AREAS--HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THE U.S. AND EUROPE--AND THAT SHE WAS THE "PERFECT PERSON" TO SEND ON SUCH MISSIONS. FEI STATED THAT THE INVESTIGATION OF THE "GANG OF FOUR" HAD REVEALED THAT WANG HUNG-WEN HAD "TEN SWORN BROTHERS" WHO INCLUDED ONE IN CHEKIANG--PRESUMABLY WENG SEN-HO--TWO OR THREE IN SHANGHAI, AND SOME IN PEKING WHICH INCLUDED PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITOR LU YING.  
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